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Window Coverings and  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to initiation of continued prosecution of the  
above-identified application, please amend the application as  
follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 3-8 and 11-38.

Add new claims 40-59 as follows:

40. (New) An apparatus for cutting a window covering  
including a head rail, a bottom rail and slats extending  
between the head rail and the bottom rail, said apparatus  
comprising:

a base having a substantially flat cutting surface;  
a frame overlying said cutting surface and mounted to  
said base, said frame and said cutting surface defining a  
receiving area therebetween for receiving said window  
covering;

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